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APPLE PRODUCTION, BY VARIETIES, BY AREAS
1949 and 1950
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Commercial apple production for 1950 is forecast at 118,227,000 bushels—12 percent less than last year but 8 percent above average. This report includes preliminary estimates for the principal apple varieties by regions for 1950 and revised estimates for 1949.

SUMMER VARIETIES: Summer apples are estimated at 5,289,000 bushels — 23 percent less than the 1949 crop. California Gravensteins, at 1,596,000 bushels, account for 30 percent of the U. S. 1950 summer commercial crop. Last year California Gravensteins turned out 3,022,000 bushels and were 44 percent of the total summer crop.

FALL VARIETIES: Fall apples at 15,026,000 bushels comprise 13 percent of the commercial crop. Last year this group totalled 18,661,000 bushels and was 14 percent of all commercial production. The three most important fall varieties are forecast as follows: Jonathan 6,753,000 bushels, Grimes Golden 2,582,000 bushels and Wealthy 2,482,000 bushels. All three are down from last year by 34 percent, 15 percent and 6 percent respectively.

WINTER VARIETIES: This group totals 97,912,000 bushels for 1950 compared with 108,213,000 bushels for 1949. Delicious are indicated at 24,415,000 bushels — 12 percent less than last year. In both years, Delicious are about a fifth of all commercial apples. The western States have prospects for 19,157,000 bushels of Delicious — 8 percent less than last year.

Winesap is the second variety in importance this year with a forecast of 13,478,000 bushels — up 9 percent from 1949. McIntosh is third in importance with 12,015,000 bushels — down 16 percent. Rome Beauty is estimated at 6,959,000 bushels — down 17 percent from last year. Production is about the same in the West but down in all other regions.

A heavy crop of York Imperial is in prospect, 6,530,000 bushels compared with 4,622,000 bushels last year. Yorks are grown mostly in the four States of Pennsylvania, Maryland and the Virginias. Baldwins are forecast at 5,282,000 bushels, about the same as last year. Practically all Baldwins are grown in New York, New England, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. Staymans at 5,109,000 bushels are 5 percent less than 1949. Yellow Newtown or Albamarle Pippin are forecast at 4,450,000 bushels compared with 5,010,000 bushels last year. Practically all of these apples are produced in Oregon, California, Washington and Virginia.

Production of other leading varieties and changes from last year are forecast as follows: Golden Delicious 2,893,000 bushels, 17 percent less; Cortland 2,289,000 bushels; 27 percent less; Northern Spy 2,266,000 bushels, 15 percent less; Ben Davis 2,162,000 bushels, 21 percent less; and Rhode Island Greening 2,069,000 bushels, 47 percent less.

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COMMERCIAL APPLES: PRODUCTION BY VARIETIES, BY AREAS, 1949 AND 1950

Varieties	Total States : 1949 : (Prelim.):	North Atl. States : 1949 : (Prelim.):	South Atl. States : 1949 : (Prelim.):	Central States : 1949 : (Prelim.):	Western States : 1949 : (Prelim.):
SUMMER VARIETIES:					
Gravenstein	3,264	1,815	211	193	3,053
Other Summer	3,604	3,474	1,177	1,305	1,622
Total Summer Varieties	6,868	5,289	1,388	1,498	4,675
FALL VARIETIES:					
Grimes Golden	3,036	2,582	592	417	50
Jonathen	10,189	6,753	801	501	3,277
Wealthy	2,645	2,482	1,255	1,448	26
Other Fall	2,791	3,209	1,062	941	646
Total Fall Varieties	18,661	15,026	3,710	3,307	4,142
WINTER VARIETIES:					
Baldwin	5,217	5,282	3,489	4,250	1,032
Ben Davis and Gano	2,733	2,162	1,046	985	362
Black Twig (Paragon)	899	832	305	240	10
Cortland	3,152	2,289	2,849	2,052	237
Delicious	27,867	24,415	2,256	1,906	1,652
Golden Delicious	3,493	2,893	583	465	902
McIntosh	14,316	12,015	12,064	10,350	1,497
Northern Spy	2,655	2,266	1,209	1,384	882
R. I. Greening	3,909	2,069	3,504	1,872	197
Rome Beauty	8,379	6,959	3,189	2,463	792
Stayman	5,357	5,109	2,287	1,824	755
Winesap	12,420	13,478	228	130	379
Yellow Newtown 1/	5,010	4,450	---	---	---
York Imperial	4,622	6,530	1,557	1,166	8
Other Winter	8,184	7,163	2,142	1,885	1,884
Total Winter Varieties	108,213	97,912	36,708	30,972	41,752
Total All Varieties	133,742	118,227	41,806	35,777	48,994
1/ Yellow Newtown same as Albemarle Pippin.					

Thousand bushels